



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

October 14, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Welcome back from the lovely long weekend. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the LSPA meeting last Thursday. The attendance has been wonderful. I am continually amazed by the depth of work done by so many parents at Lincoln School. We'd like to thank Lynn Vozzella, our school nurse, for educating us regarding the upcoming vaccination clinics for both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 virus. She also brought along some pesky pets (sealed in plastic) to educate parents regarding lice checks at home. Much of this information is also available on the Lincoln website (www.lincolnspsa.org). Be on the lookout for information regarding a transition from our current Lincletter to a new format in Constant Contact. Also note a new process for registering your children for babysitting services during parent/teacher conferences. Lincoln is one of the only schools in Winchester to offer this indispensable service. It is critical for parents to follow the committee's guidelines to ensure the safety of our children.

Our best,

—Linda McDonough and Bridget Stump

CALENDAR

October 21-23

11:30 Early Release,

Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 16-20 Book Fair

November 17&18 Ice Cream Social

5th GRADE BABYSITTING

Need Babysitting during Parent/Teacher Conference?

Oct 21-23, the 5th grade class will be offering babysitting while parents are attending their children's conferences. The schedule is Oct 21-23 from 11:3-3:00. The cost is \$4 per child/\$12 family max. We encourage you to pre-register your child to help speed up drop-off and ensure adequate staffing, but drop-ins will be welcome. The sign-up form is attached to this Lincletter and is also available on the LSPA desk. Please return forms as soon as possible to the box on the LSPA desk. All the

proceeds for this fundraising event will go toward funding the many exciting activities planned for the 5th graders. Any questions please contact Anita Colasante at anitacola@yahoo.com or Sheryl Stein and sheryl@steinglobal.net

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

We are almost half way to our goal so please keep the donations coming. As you may know, the Direct Appeal is the LSPA's only fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise at least \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers and activities. We hope to accomplish this year's goal with as much enthusiasm as we have in the past. We ask all families to contribute to the direct appeal as generously as possible. All donations are tax deductible. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school **or** you may contribute on-line with your credit card at www.lincolnspsa.org by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.

HEALTH OFFICE REMINDER:

Lincoln School Flu Clinic will be **Tuesday Oct 20, 2009**. Students must be pre-registered. Students will be given the **SEASONAL /INFLUENZA** vaccine.

Vision / Hearing Screenings:

I will be screening all Kindergarteners the week of October 12th. Grades 1-3 will have Vision/ and Hearing Screening on Mon Oct 26th. Grades 4+5 will only require Vision screening and will be started on Oct 27th. Please remind your child to wear their glasses on the day of screening.

Thank you, Lynn Vozzella, R.N.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MCCALL THANK YOU

The McCall Parents' Association, School Committee, and EFPBC are co-sponsoring a Community Open House at the McCall Addition this Sunday, Oct. 18th from 1-3 p.m. After a brief ribbon cutting ceremony, the public is invited to tour the new addition. The McCall addition was completed on time and on budget, and was ready for the first day of school to accommodate 986 middle school students.

BeGINN Again Playground Restoration

Please join us for the Launch Party for the GINN Playground Restoration Project ("BeGINN Again"). To kick off our fundraising activities, BeGINN Again will host a free outdoor party for the whole family at Ginn Playground on Oct 17th (Raindate Oct 18th) from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The ReMax Balloon will be at the field launching both kids and adults in the air from 9 to 11 (weather permitting) while Big Joe the Storyteller will keep everyone down on the ground in stitches. The Pixie Sticks of Somerville will also join the fun by keeping everyone rocking and rolling. And what party is complete without great food, silly games, and a bit of Kidstock face painting on the side? Mark your calendars for Oct. 17 and join the fun. To learn more, visit www.beGINNagain.com.

PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS...

Join us on Thursday, November 5, 2009, for our second group book discussion on

Staying Connected to your Teenager: How to Keep Them Talking to You and How to Hear What They're Really Saying by Michael Riera Ph.D. (Parenting expert on CBS' "The Early Show.") at the Winchester Public Library Meeting Room from 7pm – 9pm. Described as the parenting bible for the teenage years, this book of sage advice will help frustrated parents reconnect with their teenager and keep that connection even in today's hectic world. Family psychologist Mike Riera provides strategies on how to become a "consultant" rather than a "manager" in a teen's life, how to deal with a teen's uniquely exasperating sleep rhythms, and how to have real conversations with your teen. Books will be on sale at BookEnds and available at the circulation desk. It is not necessary to have read the book to participate.

FRIENDS OF ART

The Winchester Friends of Art invite you to the annual Back-to-School Art Show at the Winchester Public Library, now through October 31, 2009. Student art is now exhibited throughout the library and includes an exciting variety of work done by Winchester Public School students. The Winchester community is also invited to join the Friends of Art on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 5pm to 8pm, to honor the Back-to-School artists at a reception at the library. For more information about The Winchester Friends of Art, contact [<http://us.mc1120.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=winchesterfoa@hotmail.com>] or winchesterfoa@hotmail.com.

MASKS FOR ART IN THE SCHOOLS

Beautiful, crazy, colorful, weird and wonderful artists masks created by members of the Winchester Artists' Network to benefit art programs in our schools. Show and sale of masks at the Winchester Farmers' Market Saturday October 31, 2009.

FAMILY ACTION NETWORK (FAN) Annual Food Drive, October 1-15

Please contribute to FAN's Annual Fall Food Drive to benefit the Food Pantry operated by the Woburn Council of Social Concern. What are we collecting? Canned and dried goods, and suggested foods include canned meat, fruits and vegetables, rice/rice mixes, pasta, spaghetti sauce, powdered milk, cereal and peanut butter. Drop off donations at the Wednesday FAN weekly playgroup, at the FAN in-home playgroups, the Winchester Farmers Market at the Farmers Market table, and at

Bookends. Each month the Food Pantry serves more than 300 families and individuals from Winchester, Woburn, and surrounding towns in Middlesex County. Your contributions are GREATLY appreciated! Thank you.

Girls Night 'In' & Costume Swap, October 8 7:30 p.m.

Need a night away from the kids? Let's get together over light appetizers and drinks to catch up and celebrate the fall with new friends and old at a FAN member's home. Also, bring the kids' used Halloween costumes to swap! To R.S.V.P. and for address, contact: Heather Mango heathermango@hotmail.com

Expecting a Baby? Shower for New Moms!, October 15, 9:30 - 11:30 am (Siblings welcome)

Whether this is your first or fifth child, we hope you will join us as we celebrate you and your little one at FAN's Annual Fall Arrivals Baby Shower. We will have yummy treats and beverages and an opportunity to meet other expectant and new mothers, FAN members please R.S.V.P. on Big Tent, our members-only web site. Not a FAN member yet? You are most welcome to attend...please R.S.V.P. by October 8th to Sara Brown, sara.brown123@hotmail.com, or at 617-605-1530. (Know a friend or neighbor in town expecting a baby or with a newborn? Please spread the word...this is a great way for moms with newborns to get connected and into playgroups before winter sets in!)

Calling All Artists !

FAN's primary fundraiser is FAN Splash...a project that will revitalize Winchester's Borggaard Beach with a Splash Park and much more. FAN is teaming up with the Winchester Artists Network to commemorate the revitalization efforts by selling personalized tiles to decorate the beach's bathhouse walls. Tiles are on sale for residents. Personalize one as a lasting legacy! For details, visit www.winrec.com or www.fansplash.org.

Register via winrec.com using the registration code: 100-FE-06A.

OCTOBER 20 Is 5% FAN Splash Day at Whole Foods Woburn

Get Your Shopping Lists Ready! On Tuesday, October 20th, Whole Foods, Woburn will donate 5% of the day's proceeds to FAN Splash. Please spread the word!

Halloween Parade, Party, & Trick-or-Treating, October 31 at 10 a.m.

Winchester Town Common/Center

Dress up your little goblins and fairies for a parade on the common. We'll then trick-or-treat through the town center and finish at the Town Hall with a party! For the parade,

meet on the common at 10---party at town hall begins at 11.

GIFTED AND TALENTED SUMMIT

What: Gifted and Talented Summit

When: Sat., Oct 17, 2009, 8am–12pm

Who: Teachers and Parents (teachers stay the afternoon for a "make and take" workshop)

Why: To understand the profile and needs of gifted students

Where: McCall Middle School

What: A keynotespeaker (8:30am), followed by Q & A, a parent breakout discussion group, and a brief summary of draft plans re: gifted education programming. The Keynote speaker is Del Siegle, an associate professor and teaching fellow in the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut, where he teaches graduate courses in gifted education, creativity, and research design. He authors a technology column for Gifted Child Today. Del's research interests include web-based instruction, student motivation, and teacher bias in the identification of students for gifted programs. **RSVP:** To reserve space and lunch contact Dr. Marc Kerble, via Jessica Palino, jpalino@winchester.k12.ma.us or 781-721-7006. The Gifted and Talented Summit is open to all parents, from 7:50 A.M. to noon, to hear the keynote speaker and to attend one parent breakout session.

LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

The Lincletter is published weekly on Wednesdays with a deadline to submit news the prior Friday.

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